Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

- 1. (Canceled)
- 2. (Canceled)
- 3. (Currently Amended) An-The immunogenic composition according to claim 1-19 wherein the antigen further comprises an exogenous hydrophobic material that is a C8-C18 fatty acyl group.
- 4. (Currently Amended) An-The immunogenic composition according to claim 3 wherein the exogenous hydrophobic material is lauroyl.
 - 5. (Canceled)
- 6. (Currently Amended) An-The immunogenic composition according to claim 1-19 wherein the antigen truncated gp160 protein is a peptide or peptide truncated gp160 oligomer.
 - 7. (Canceled)
 - 8. (Canceled)

- 9. (Currently Amended) An-The immunogenic composition according to claim 8-19 wherein said oligomeriethe amino acid sequence of the truncated gp160 protein has consists essentially of the the sequence of set forth at residues 33-681 of SEQ ID NO:1.
- 10. (Currently Amended) An-The immunogenic composition according to claim +19 wherein the truncated gp160 protein or peptide is recombinantly produced.
- 11. (Currently Amended) An-The immunogenic composition according to claim 1-19 wherein the truncated gp160 antigenic protein or peptide natively contains at least one cysteine residue or has at least one added cysteine residue.
- 12. (Currently Amended) An-The immunogenic composition according to claim +19 wherein the proteosomes are hydrophobic, multimolecular membrane proteins.
- 13. (Currently Amended) An-The immunogenic composition according to any one of claims +3, 4, or 20 formed by:
- (a) bonding the hydrophobic material to said the truncated gp160 protein or peptide to form a hydrophobic-hydrophilic compound; and
- (b) admixing said compound with said proteosomes, bioadhesive emulsions, or both such that said antigen compound is complexed with said proteosomes or nanoemulsion; and
- (c) combining the compound complexed with said proteosomes with the bioadhesive nanoemulsions.
- 14. (Currently Amended) An-The immunogenic composition according to claim 13 wherein said admixing step is performed in the presence of a detergent, and is followed by the step of (e)—removing the detergent by dialysis.
- 15. (Currently Amended) An-The immunogenic composition according to claim 13 wherein said admixing step is performed by lyophilization.

- 16. (Currently Amended) An-The immunogenic composition according to claim +19 formulated for intranasal or respiratory administration.
- 17. (Currently Amended) An-The immunogenic composition according to claim 1-19 wherein the vaccine-immunogenic composition is in a dosage form suitable for multiple inoculations.

18. (Canceled)

- 19. (New) An immunogenic composition comprising:
- (a) an antigen that comprises a C-terminal truncated gp160 protein, wherein the C-terminal truncated gp160 protein includes the endogenous hydrophobic amino acid sequence set forth at positions 523-551 of SEQ ID NO:1;
- (b) proteosomes, wherein the proteosomes are complexed or coupled with the antigen; and
 - (c) bioadhesive nanoemulsions,

wherein the composition elicits neutralizing antibodies to HIV in a subject upon administration of the composition to the subject, and wherein the neutralizing antibodies are present in one or more of vaginal secretions, intestinal secretions, lung secretions, and feces.

- 20. (New) The immunogenic composition according to claim 19 wherein the antigen further comprises an exogenous hydrophobic material that comprises about 3 to about 50 non-polar or uncharged amino acid residues.
- 21. (New) The immunogenic composition according to claim 19 wherein the antigen is admixed with the proteosomes to form a proteosome/antigen complex, which complex is then combined with the bioadhesive nanoemulsions.

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- 22. (New) The immunogenic composition according to claim 21 wherein admixing is performed in the presence of a detergent, followed by removal of the detergent by dialysis.
- 23. (New) The immunogenic composition according to claim 21 wherein admixing is performed by lyophilization.